

**ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH
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26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR *B. PSALTER II

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 08H00	FOR THE CONVERSION OF ALL SINNERS IN THANKSGIVING FOR GEOFF DOIDGE'S RECOVERY FROM SURGERY
SUNDAY 09H30	FOR THE CONVERSION OF ALL SINNERS † MARIZA TUCCI MHDSRIP †FRANK FREITAS 14TH ANNIVERSARY MHDSRIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR PRIESTS AND PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE COVID AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED FROM THIS VIRUS. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL IN HOSPITAL OR AT HOME AND ARE UNABLE TO RECEIVE THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK OR THE LAST SACRAMENTS DURING THIS TIME WHEN FATHER BOGDAN IS UNABLE TO VISIT THESE PARISHIONERS.

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LITURGY OF THE MASS

**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B,
26 SEPTEMBER 2021**

INTRODUCTION TO THE MASS

Today's Gospel offers a contrast of expectations Jesus has for believers. If believers see good works being performed by people outside the community, Jesus expects open-mindedness, tolerance and inclusiveness. Just because people do not bear the Christian stamp of approval, does not mean that they are not doing the work of God. Simply offering a glass of water becomes a holy event and is to be seen as such and not to be stopped. Any behaviour that would cause another to lose faith in Jesus Christ is not to be tolerated. If personal behaviour "causes you to stumble, cut it off ..." Rigorous discipline is called for. Jesus is not advocating the physical dismantling of the body. But Jesus is demanding that all such behaviour be rooted out at its core, the human heart.

HEADINGS FOR READINGS

The first reading (Num. 11:25-29) shows how jealousy can enter into the most sacred activities. God's gifts are for the benefit of all the people, and not for the self-importance of those who administer them. The second reading (James 5:1-6) contains a very severe warning for the wealthy. Wealth itself will not last forever, and often depends on the exploitation of the poor. The Gospel (Mk. 9:38-43, 45, 47-48) contains a number of appeals: to rejoice when we see good being done, no matter by whom; avoid causing others evil, especially by damaging their faith, and strenuously avoid all sin.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

God is the God of peace, not of division. Let us bring our broken world and its needs before him in prayer.

RESPONSE: LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US

1. We pray for the leaders of the Church and of our country: may they be cleansed of petty jealousy and selfish ambition as they carry out the work which God has entrusted to them. Lord hear us.
2. We pray for justice in our society, that wealth be used toward the common good rather than for the benefit of the few. Lord hear us.
3. May God bring justice to those who are the victims of prejudice, discrimination, and every type of oppression. Lord hear us.
4. We pray for all those whom we tend to criticise, asking the Lord to heal the hurts which we may have caused them. Lord hear us.
5. For ourselves we ask that we be given generous hearts that thank and praise the goodness in each person around us. Lord hear us.

Heavenly Father, replace our love of division with a desire for peace. Let us see all people through your eyes, knowing that each person has a place in your plan and a share in your goodness. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCLUDING WORDS

In today's Mass our Lord invited us to rejoice whenever we see people do good. Let us during the coming week do good ourselves and may we have the happiness to see others do good also. May Almighty God keep us from all harm and bless us with every good gift. May he set his Word in our heart and fill us with lasting joy. May we walk in his ways, always knowing what is right and good.

READERS AND MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

MASS	MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST	READERS
SAT 17H00	JENNY PETERSSEN	LINDA WOLFF MONICA CUTUGNO

SUN 08H00	SEELAN AND LEANNE PILLAY	ANTON VEST MARGARET MARAKALALA
SUN 09H30	KRYSTYNA SMULDERS PETER STOHR	DAISY JACOBS PAT HWENHA (ZONGE)
SUN 17H00	MARIA BOTHA	VANESSA KING JAN ENSLIN

NEWS

From Our Church

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY EVENING @ 17H00

SUNDAY MORNING @ 08h00 AND 09H30

SUNDAY MORNING @ 11H00 *POLISH MASS*

SUNDAY EVENING @ 17H00

WEEKDAY MASSES: MON ~ WED ~ THURS ~ FRI @ 08H30

MORNING ROSARY IN THE WEEK BEGINS @ 08H00

NO MASS ON A TUESDAY MORNING AS THIS IS FATHER BOGDAN'S DAY OFF.

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY ANNUAL COLLECTION

FROM SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER TO 31ST OCTOBER THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES.

FUNERALS:

Our sincere condolences to the De Nobrega family whose husband and father's funeral took place in the church this week.

†ANTONIO JUVENALDE NOBREGA

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the departed rest in peace. Amen

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Please make an appointment for Confession during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please write your Mass Intentions with the preferred Mass time on an envelope and give to Father personally or place in the collection plate.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Notice must be given at least six months before receiving the Sacrament of Marriage.

BAPTISMS: Notice for the preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism has to be done at least one month before the Sacrament is received. Please contact: MARIA BOTHA: 0833971064

POLISH COMMUNITY: ELZBIETA OSUCH: 082 770 0629

WALL OF REMEMBRANCE / CWL FLOWERS & HALL: DELENE HOLT 082 560 2224

ALTAR SERVERS: Jan d'Oliveira 0824980614 / Alvaro Peres 0824476231

CATECHISM CLASSES – Compulsory for all children G1-G11.

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Nicki Koorbanally 0828359432 nkoorbanally@gmail.com

Second Confession for First Holy Communion children: 9 OCTOBER 2021 @ 09H00
 First Holy Communion children will receive this sacrament on: **23 October 2021 @ 10h00**
 First Holy Communion for the adults will receive this sacrament on: **24 October 2021 @ 17h00**
 Confessions for Confirmation candidates: 6 NOVEMBER 2021 TIME TO BE ADVISED
 Confessions for Confirmation candidates with a rehearsal: 12 NOVEMBER 2021 FROM 16H00
 Confirmation Candidates will receive their sacrament on: **13 November 2021 @ 17h00.**

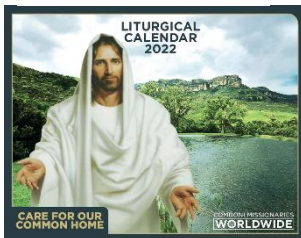


PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE CATECHISM TEACHERS TEAM AND HELP SHAPE THE LIVES OF OUR YOUTH IN THE FAITH.

If you are available please contact Nicki Koorbanally on 0828359432 or nkoorbanally@gmail.com



To all our parishioners who are continuing to support us by your donations it is most appreciated. God bless Fr. Bogdan.



WORLDWIDE COMBONI MISSIONARY CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME CALENDARS FOR 2022 ARE AVAILABLE AT R40-00 EACH. THEY ARE IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH AND YOU CAN PLACE YOUR MONEY IN THE MAGAZINE MONEY SLOT.

MAGAZINES ARE ON SALE IN THE CHURCH FOYER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BUY A COPY

Welcome to all our new parishioners. If you are intending to make St. John Fisher Parish your spiritual home, please complete a Data Information Form which can be found in the foyer of the church, so we can add you to our data information list and to our weekly bulletin mailing list. To all our visitors today ~ welcome and enjoy your visit. God bless. Fr. Bogdan



If you have changed any details there are data information forms in the foyer of the church or send us an email to: lynwoodparish@gmail.com

SAINTS OF THE DAY

SUNDAY	26/09	STS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
MONDAY	27/09	ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
TUESDAY	28/09	ST. WENCESLAUS
WEDNESDAY	29/09	SAINTS MICHAEL GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL
THURSDAY	30/09	ST. ST. JEROME
FRIDAY	01/10	ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX (OF THE CHILD JESUS)
SATURDAY	02/10	FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS



8 THINGS TO KNOW AND SHARE ABOUT THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

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October 2 is the memorial of the Guardian Angels in the liturgy.

Here are 8 things to know and share about the angels it celebrates . . .

1) *What is a guardian angel?*

A guardian angel is an angel (a created, non-human, non-corporeal being) that has been assigned to guard a particular person, especially with respect to helping that person avoid spiritual dangers and achieve salvation.

The angel may also help the person avoid physical dangers, particularly if this will help the person achieve salvation.

2) *Where do we read about guardian angels in Scripture?*

We see angels helping people on various occasions in Scripture, but there are certain instances in which we see angels providing a protective function over a period of time.

In Tobit, Raphael is assigned to an extended mission to help Tobit's son (and his family in general).

In Daniel, Michael is described as "the great prince who has charge of your [Daniel's] people" (Dan. 12:1). He is thus depicted as the guardian angel of Israel.

In the Gospels, Jesus indicates that there are guardian angels for individuals, including little children. He says: See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven (Matt. 18:10).

3) *What does Jesus mean when he says these angels "always behold" the face of the Father?*

It may mean that they are constantly standing in his presence in heaven and able to communicate the needs of their charges to him.

Alternately, based on the idea that angels are messengers (Greek, angelos = "messenger") in the heavenly court, it may mean that whenever these angels seek access to the heavenly court, they are always granted it and allowed to present the needs to their charges to God.

4) *What does the Church teach about guardian angels?*

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him/her to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God [CCC 336].

5) *Who has guardian angels?*

It is considered theologically certain that each member of the faith has a special guardian angel from the time of baptism.

This view is reflected in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which speaks of "each believer" having a guardian angel.

Although it is certain that the faithful have guardian angels, it is commonly thought that they are even more widely available.

According to the general teaching of the theologians, however, not only every baptized person, but every human being, including unbelievers, has his own special guardian angel from his birth [Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma, 120].

This understanding is reflected in an Angelus address by Benedict XVI, who stated:

Dear friends, the Lord is ever close and active in humanity's history and accompanies us with the unique presence of his Angels, whom today the Church venerates as "Guardian Angels", that is, ministers of the divine care for every human being. From the beginning until the hour of death, human life is surrounded by their constant protection [Angelus, Oct. 2, 2011].

5) *How can we thank them for the help they give us?*

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments explained:

Devotion to the Holy Angels gives rise to a certain form of the Christian life which is characterized by:

devout gratitude to God for having placed these heavenly spirits of great sanctity and dignity at the service of man;

an attitude of devotion deriving from the knowledge of living constantly in the presence of the Holy Angels of God;- serenity and confidence in facing difficult situations, since the Lord guides and protects the faithful in the way of justice through the ministry of His Holy Angels. Among the prayers to the Guardian Angels the *Angele Dei* is especially popular, and is often recited by families at morning and evening prayers, or at the recitation of the *Angelus* [Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 216].

6) What is the *Angele Dei* prayer?

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, rule and guide. Amen.

This prayer is particularly suited for devotion to guardian angels, since it is addressed directly to one's own guardian angel.

7) *Are there dangers to watch out for in venerating angels?*

The Congregation stated:

Popular devotion to the Holy Angels, which is legitimate and good, can, however, also give rise to possible deviations: when, as sometimes can happen, the faithful are taken by the idea that the world is subject to demiurgical struggles, or an incessant battle between good and evil spirits, or Angels and daemons, in which man is left at the mercy of superior forces and over which he is helpless; such cosmologies bear little relation to the true Gospel vision of the struggle to overcome the Devil, which requires moral commitment, a fundamental option for the Gospel, humility and prayer; when the daily events of life, which have nothing or little to do with our progressive maturing on the journey towards Christ are read schematically or simplistically, indeed childishly, so as to ascribe all setbacks to the Devil and all success to the Guardian Angels [op. cit., 217].

8) *Should we assign names to our guardian angels?*

The Congregation stated:

The practice of assigning names to the Holy Angels should be discouraged, except in the cases of Gabriel, Raphael and Michael whose names are contained in Holy Scripture.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen ~ Pope Francis.

PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE 2ND SYNOD IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PRETORIA

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

All: And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Leader: Let us pray God our Father and our Creator, you have called us in Baptism to be faithful members of your Church. Send your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us during our Archdiocesan Synod. Enkindle us with the flame of Faith, Love and Hope so that we may truly become an evangelising community serving God, Humanity and all Creation. Enable us to listen to your Word as we discern the needs of our local Church as missionary disciples of the Gospel who are called to

bring good news to all people. Help us to open our hearts and minds to discern your will, to listen to each other, to work together and to become the Church that you call us to be. We entrust our Synod to the grace and mercy of the Most Sacred Heart of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN

If you would like to participate in this synod please give your name and contact details to Father or Sabie in the parish office.

KID'S CORNER

LET'S COLOUR IN!



INDEX FINGER
FOR THE ONES THAT TEACH US
For those who instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others.

MIDDLE FINGER
FOR OUR GOVERNORS
As it is the tallest finger, it reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority.

RING FINGER
FOR THE SICK AND WEAKEST
It is our weakest finger. It reminds us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems.

THE THUMB
FOR THE ONES WE LOVE
Start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the easiest to remember.

THE PINKY
PRAY FOR YOURSELF
The smallest finger should remind you to pray for your own needs when you are done praying for the other four groups.

THE 5 FINGER PRAYER
BY POPE FRANCIS

SOURCE:
CATHOLIC.ORG - POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER
<http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=3396>

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